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Interim Comment

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Sishen Iron Ore Company (Pty) Ltd
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Proposed retrofitting of existing plant at Thabazimbi Mine associated with Project Infinity

Shishen Iron Ore Company (Ltd.) Pty. proposes to extend the Life Of Mine (LOM) of the existing Thabazimbi Iron Ore Mine, known as Project Retrofit, Thabazimbi, Limpopo Province. Project Retrofit will entail changes and re-fits to the existing beneficiation plant infrastructure, new infrastructure additions and the opening of abandoned mining pits within the current mine lease area. Infrastructure that are required will include new access and haul roads and the construction of a new slimes dam. The expansion of the mine will also result in modification to existing infrastructure.

According to the Final Scoping report submitted in support of this application a Heritage Impact Assessment was undertaken for this project in July 2010. A further assessment was undertaken in 2012 for the Thabazimbi Mostert Tunnel Cave, however, SAHRA do not have any records of the July 2010 Heritage Impact Assessment; the reports submitted in 2012 focussed only on the Mostert Tunnel Cave. The SAHRA review comment dated 15/01/2013 applies only to possible impacts the mine will have on the Mostert Tunnel Cave.

Decision:

1. In order for SAHRA to make an informed decision regarding the heritage resources that is located on the property it is requested that the heritage study undertaken for the Project Phoenix development in July 2010 be submitted to SAHRA APM for comments.
2. According to the SAHRA palaeontological sensitivity map (<http://www.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>) a desktop palaeontological assessment is required and based on the outcome of this study, a field assessment may be necessary.
3. Any other heritage resources that may be impacted such as structures over 60 years old, sites of cultural significance associated with oral histories, burial grounds and graves, graves of victims of conflict, and cultural landscapes or viewsapes must also be assessed.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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